

FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 30, 2009

The meeting was held on January 30, 2009. Those present were: Dana Escott, Richard Woods, Nick Novich, Troy Martin, Kay VonBergen, Sheila Kirkpatrick, Barbie Durham, Tom Leo, Marilyn Ross, David Schulz, Jim Hart, Shane Escott, Deb Bradley, Dale Smail, Ken Walsh, Dan Kenworthy, and Joy Day.

Correspondence: Letters from Ann Schwend and Pat Bradley were read regarding the new big lights on the campground. Their concerns are the Code of the New West Publication and that the lights are downcast and have shields on them so they don't light up the sky (light pollution).

Dan Kenworthy stated that there are three new fixtures in the campground identical to what is already here on the fairgrounds. From a maintenance standpoint, they chose to put up the same things to make it easier to maintain for the fair board when they are all the same. The lights that are up we have worked on to make them more efficient and easier to maintain with them all being the same. With the vandalism we have on the fairgrounds it is important to have lighting to help offset some of the destruction. The flag pole light will be up-lit and it will have a shield and be photocell controlled so it can be on all night for the flag.

Barbie handed out Scope of work and layout sheets on the campground. "See attached". She asked if there was gravel on the project. Dale said no but by the white horse barn it is already pretty gravelly. Nick said where the new road is, we'll have to make it the fire lane. Dana talked to Lloyd, fire chief and he said that would be fine. They looked at it. Nick thinks there needs to be some gravel and the parking lot needs to be seeded.

Tom Leo said the area looks leveled, but there are some rocks and the road is properly finished but campground needs to be finished. Need to put small gravel so that the grass can come through.

Dale was not aware that the whole area needed to be graveled. Tom would like to see grass in the campground and the parking by the horse barn gravel.

Dana prefers grass. With gravel it will be hard to mow with our small mowers.

Shane says if you put gravel all over then the kids will just spin all over and make a mess, his opinion.

Tom wondered if we didn't put on ¾- and 6" of pit run, if we would save money from the FWP. Barbie said no because the project is already \$3,000-5,000 over budget now. The Grant was approximately \$39,000 with half being the county match. Barbie says we are at \$42,615. The county should put in approx 6,000 in kind help and Shane said they are at 2,943.90 for equip rental, wages, and fuel. Dale said he would knock off the 3,000 extra to be at the grant amount.

Dale said he wouldn't do the gravel the first year or two. Schulz asked if seeding would work and what about the big rocks? Entire area needs to be raked. Tom Leo asked if we could talk to FWP to see if we could get by with 3" of ¾- gravel.

Barbie said if it needs raked, rolled, and seeded still, the job is not complete. FWP won't reimburse until project is complete.

Troy said we need to have finer gravel if we are going to mow. Jim Hart says to just get it finished and complete it. Dale said it would take a lot of gravel to cover the whole area back there. Kay mentioned we already have problems with weeds right now. Marilyn wondered about contacting FWP to see if they would amend the contract and if they would add money for inflation. Barbie says they won't add money for inflation. Gravel would come out of fair budget. Tom Leo estimated an additional \$5,000-6,000 roughly extra for the gravel?

Dale already agreed to rake, roll and seed but it got too cold. We'll have to do it in the spring. Dale has gravel for \$7.50/yard Shane says the konda gravel is \$1.00 per yard.

Nick made motion to complete project and Tom seconded it with the amendment that we work with Dale on the gravel to help compensate and help for Dale to be able to finish the project. Tom suggests 2" or less of gravel and something with fines. All voted, passed. Tom thanked Dale for helping with the invoice and appreciates all the work he has done.

Flat Track Discussion: Joy advised that there was a committee formed to look at the ground by the airport as long as it could be annexed on to be part of the fairgrounds for revenue purposes. Kay said we need something that is a good money maker besides rodeo and that the whole county should vote on this not just Twin Bridges. Joy said that Twin does have a say, so let's explore our options and there is 20 acres that the county owns which 10 acres is set aside for a county shop and the other 10 acres for economic development which would work great for this track. Tom wants to know why it's not ok to race at the fairgrounds, we used to do it. Kay said the noise is not going to hurt the rodeo or the fish and that since we started this process it is grandfathered in so that the city can't just pass a noise ordinance now since it was approved by the board already. Tom said this was well published and countless hours put into the planning of this track and people had a say. Deb Bradley said that the racing would change the use of the park since there are weddings and it is a park setting. It would be a threat to the park. Tom Leo mentioned that there were 8 months of communications and we are interested in what the community has to say but the majority voted yes in favor for this track. Most of the community and county is excited to have a facility like this. It should happen.

Barbie commended the Fair Board and Dana for the work and projects done at the fairgrounds. This is a "county wide" facility. We have 3 structures and are working on grants for \$500,000 to preserve the historic buildings and we would be looking at \$250,000 county match. Fair Board commended the volunteerism on the grounds.

Tom wants a guarantee and support from this community to help out the track folks and make this happen. Can another 501c group help them until they get their paperwork in order? The flat track association came to us and proposed this deal with no cost to the county. Let's not fight and make this happen for a community in whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Escott